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Dr. Collins Honored By P. V. S. I. E. A.

A general assembly of the students and faculty of the School of Industrial Education and Technology was held December 6, 1966, in the Ballroom of the Memorial Center.

The purpose of this assembly was to introduce Dr. S. R. Collins, the newly elected acting dean of the School of Industrial Education and Technology. Dr. Collins was introduced by Charles Burks, vice-president of the Beta Iota Chapter of Epsilon Pi Tau. Burks reviewed the various achievement of Dr. Collins as well as the interest Dr. Collins has in the students at Prairie View A & M College.

Dr. Collins deliberation emphasized the importance of scholastic attainment, both for college pursuits and employment. Dr. Collins stressed the importance of the students support and participation in the program of the President Dr. A. I. Thomas, "Partners in Progress". He urged that all students affiliate themselves with one of the various organizations of the School of Industrial Education and Technology namely: Industrial Education Honor Society, Epsilon Pi Tau, Prairie View Student Industrial Education, and American Foundrymen's Society. Dr. Collins assured the students of his intention that being able to continue to be of service to them, informing them that with the students interest and cooperation the School of Industrial Education and Technology will continue to move forward.

President Emeritus E. B. Evans praised both Dr. A. I. Thomas and Dr. S. R. Collins for their outstanding achievement in the field of education.

Dr. Evans stressed the importance of preparation in our present industrial society based upon the background of Dr. Thomas and Dr. Collins relating that achievement is based upon preparation for one's life goal.

Mr. Wayne Buster acted as Master of Ceremonies for the assembly.

Robert A. Welch Foundation Presents Lecturer

The Robert A. Welch Foundation presented as a Lecturer on Tuesday, December 6, 1966 at 2:00 p.m. in Auditorium B of The Harrington Science Building, Dr. I. C. Gunsalus.

Dr. Gunsalus is Professor of Chemistry at the University of Illinois. His research interests are Biological Catalysis and Mechanism of Energy Transfer.



MISS PRAIRIE VIEW and the PANTHERLAND family would like to wish you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Deb Queen Selected

by Charlesta Miller

Evelyn Laverne Curry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop B. Curry, was crowned Queen of the Tenth Annual Debutante Ball which was one of the most active for the debutantes, and the most prosperous for the queen who received a scholarship for a year and a half plus gifts. Her first runner-up, Glenda Faye Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Ways of Houston, Texas, received a year's scholarship.

The Ball was a gala affair with the 25 lovely young ladies pictured against the beautiful decorations of "Art Nouveau" created by Mrs. Paul Martin and Mrs. Delores Harris and carried out in gold and white. Music for the Cotillion was afforded by Danny Kelly, a sophomore music major. Music for the Ball itself was played by the Charles Stein Orchestra.

The girls had more than a month of busy activity leading up to the Ball ranging from teas, lectures, and recitals, to parties, luncheons, and concerts. Their most enhancing experiences came from work they did with the Community Service Projects which consisted of clerical work at hospitals, nurses aids, food service, and telephoning citizens to remind them to vote.

During intermission, former debutantes and the former queen were recognized along with the president emeritus, the new president, Dr. Thomas, and the parents of the queen and her runner-up. The highlight of intermission was correspondence read from Lynda Bird Johnson

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Outstanding Speakers Address Youth Leadership Conference

Visiting speakers for the two day annual youth Leadership Conference held December 2-4, included Superintendent Alton O. Bowen, Bryan Independent School District and Judge Harold Tillman of Houston.

President Alvin I. Thomas and Dr. E. B. Evans, president Emeritus, also addressed the group of approximately 300 youth who attended the meeting which opened Friday night, December 2.

The Theme of the conference was "Challenges of Present-Day Leadership."

In addition to the general sessions, several work group sessions were held. Reverend W. Van Johnson served as director of the conference.

I. E. Honor Society 'Partners in Progress'

In keeping with the president's program for "Partners In Progress", the I. E. Honor Society gives full support of these ideas and concepts. The Society's goals are to promote academic excellence at the freshman and sophomore level. We propose to assist freshmen and sophomore students in preparing themselves for other honors during the latter part of their school life.

The I. E. Honor Society was established in 1961 by Dr. A. I. Thomas, and the late Dr. T. W. Miller. This Society played an important part in the 1962 installation of Beta Iota Chapter, Epsilon Pi Tau Inc., at Prairie View A. & M. College.

Since that time the I. E. Honor Society has been an honors organization for freshmen and sophomore students who have

maintained a high scholastic average and have shown signs of leaderships at an early stage of their college career. Many of these students in their junior and senior year will become members of Epsilon Pi Tau Fraternity, which is an international professional fraternity in Industrial Education.

The Society has been functioning since last school year, and its most recent activity was luncheon meeting. At the meeting representatives from The American Foundrymen Society, Prairie View Student Industrial Education Association, Epsilon Pi Tau, Inc., and the I. E. Honor Society discussed the I. E. Christmas Party as well as other matters pertaining to students in Industrial Education and Technology.

The Society plans for the second semester several activities:

1. Establish a tutorial program for students enrolled in Drafting 113 and 123. Plans are being made to assist students in understanding the principle of pictorial oblique and perspective drawing, also the basic theory of orthographic projection will be included in the program.

2. The Society plans seminars during the second semester. At present we plan two such seminars. The topic of the seminars have not been determined, however, the subject will be related campus and other college campus and academic excellence.

Recently certificates were issued to active members of the Society. At the present we are screening prospective new members. The final selection of freshman and sophomore students eligible for the Society will take place in January.

The I. E. Honor Society want to wish the entire Prairie View family a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Christmas Cantata Presented Dec. 6

The College Choir presented their annual Christmas Cantata Sunday evening, December 6, in the Field House. They delivered the Christmas section of the Messiah by Handel.

The Choir began with the overture "To The Messiah" played by Danny Kelly at the piano.

Individual solos were done by Maxie Zennon, Kenny Arnold, Bob Duckins, Charles McFail, Georgia Pollard, Richard Perkins, Shirley Vaughn, and Joan Holbert.

The Choir sang, "And The Glory of the Lord", "And He Shall Purify", "O Thou That Tellest", "Glory To God", and the finale, which was the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus".

Persons who witnessed this performance can truly declare

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PICTURED are the 1966 Debutantes at the annual Debutantes Ball.

Blue Ribbon Committee Shaping Up

The Blue Ribbon Committee, appointed by Dr. A. I. Thomas, met December 7, to deliver progress reports from the various Blue Ribbon sub-committees. The sub-committees that have been set up are: Discipline Committee — Chairman, Lorenzo Phillips; Beautification Committee — Chairman, Otis Evans, Communications Committee — Chairman, Odie Woods; Traffic Committee — Chairman, Marvin King; Dormitory Life for Women Committee—Chairman, Betty Horn; Dormitory Life for Men — Chairman, Kenneth Russell. Faculty advisors serving on the sub-committees are: Dr. E. W. Owens, Mr. E. Jackson, Mrs. D. Cooksey, Dr. P. Young, Dr. N. Armstrong, Dean H. E. Fuller, Rev. V. W. Johnson, and Dr. C. A. Wood.

The Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee, James Crawford, also established a Correspondence Task Committee, whose purpose is to seek information on student life from various colleges in the United States. The members of the committee are Belinda Williams, and Willie Mae Traylor.

The sub-committee are working quite hard in trying to give the students a better student life.

The Communications Committee is making such plans as

setting up a radio station here at Prairie View. Their entire goal is to provide news media for more effective communication between the Prairie View students.

The Beautification Committee is based upon two plans — a Short Range plan and a Long Range plan. The Short Range plans will go into effect immediately. A few of these includes zoning certain areas of the campus, providing more street lights on campus, and extending the campus area to the picnic grounds. The Long Range plans which will take a longer period of time to execute, will include providing lakes for fishing and boating, parks, and riding trails.

The Discipline Committee is making plans to elect the members of its' Courts from the general student body. Each member must possess a 2.0 average, and will be elected by the majority of his or her dormitory mates. Off-campus representatives will be elected by off-campus students. The committee has cited the classifications of various offenses. Offenses have been broken down into major and minor infractions. Prosecutions will be determined by the seriousness of the indictments, which have also been stipulated by the Disciplinary Committee.

The other sub-committees are still planning the strategy of their structures, but will inform the students as soon as they are finished.

PV Student Found Guilty of Stealing Coats

About 7:30 p.m., December 4, 1966, Dean Leroy Marion received a call from Rev. Van Johnson, stating that five or six ladies attending the Leadership Conference had reported the theft of five or six coats. Rev. Van Johnson further stated that a Prairie View student had been seen leaving the Union north exit, with several ladies coats draped across his arm, and that persons would identify the student.

Mr. Amos Johnson and Mr. Leroy Marion started searching the campus and dormitories in an effort to locate the student. After several minutes they observed him dismounting from a car walking toward Lucky Hall, north.

Upon questioning, the student stated that he had not stolen the said coats and denied having any knowledge of what they, Mr. Marion and Mr. Johnson, were talking about. However, he did cooperate and go to the Union to permit a young man to observe him for identification. The young man, Mr. James Isabell, from Tyler, Texas, identified the student as the person who removed the above stated coats.

The student was so persistent in his denial of taking the coats that they took him to Dean Fuller's residence for further questioning. He continued to deny having knowledge of the coats.

About 11:45 p.m., Mr. Isabell and three other young men stat-



The National Pledge Club of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity launch their initial service project, the development of a rose garden on the site where the old Administration building once stood. The completion of a service project is one of the requirements for establishing new chapters of Alpha Phi Omega.

Complete development of this project in its final form is expected to take at least two years and will cost approximately \$800. Year-round maintenance of this campus beauty spot will be the responsibility of the fraternity.

ed to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Marion, in the presence of Sgt. Lewis, that the said student did take the coats and that they saw him. They were instructed to go to his room in an effort to try and influence him to assist in whatever he could to recover the coats. He would not.

That morning, December 4, 1966, a staff member came to Mr. Marion's house asking if anyone had reported missing some coats, stating that he found several in his front yard. The coats were the ones stolen from the Union which the student was accused of stealing.

The United Men's Congress met on the afternoon of December 7, 1966. After considering the accusation, the student was found guilty by the judges. They recommended that he be placed on probation as long as Dean H. E. Fuller sees fit. In addition to this, they recommended that he see Dr. Stafford for counseling as long as Dr. Stafford deems necessary. Any violation of the above mentioned, of which the defendant is found guilty, will automatically be recommended to be dismissed from the College. Any other violation of college rules will bring the same recommended dismissal if the defendant is found guilty.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Houston Symphony To Be Presented Here

The Houston Symphony Orchestra will be presented in concert at Prairie View A&M College Thursday, December 15 at 2:30 p.m.

A. Clyde Roller will conduct the world famous orchestra and

Moreland KortKump-Roller is the pianist.

Designated as a Prairie View area concert, the college is extending a special invitation to all persons, including high school students in all neighboring towns and communities.

The occasion marks the launching of a series of fine arts features, planned by the college for the remainder of the school year. Prairie View's increased emphasis in cultural appreciation is a part of the college's overall program for excellence in every phase of campus life.

As current data is fed into the computers, new tapes are produced for preparing refunds, bills or other statements to the taxpayer.

The computers at Martinsburg can also be used to identify returns with characteristics that may warrant a closer look by tax agents.

The mission of Air Force ROTC is to commission career oriented officers to meet specific Air Force requirements through college programs.

Machines Help Check Tax Returns

Checking tax returns is now being done at lightning-fast speeds by computers which the Revenue Service has installed as part of its automatic data processing (ADP) system.

This system works as follows:

The taxpayer files his return with his district office. The return is first checked for completeness, then payments accompanying the return are detached, recorded and deposited.

District offices forward returns to the service centers where data is put on punch cards and mathematically verified. Information from the punch cards is converted to magnetic tape which is shipped to the National Computer Center in Martinsburg, W. Va.

At Martinsburg, data is posted to the taxpayer's account and matched against information on the master file. This information includes pay-

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Library Project Makes Good Showing

The Paperbound Book Library Project is well underway. Officers of this committee are: Vacal Caldwell, chairman; Clarissa Gamble, secretary; Odie Woods and Dorothy Yancy, publications reporters.

Other members of the committee include Daniel Anderson, Romey Johnson, Sullivan Baker, Monroe Pierre, Antoinette Gibson, Mrs. F. Yeldell, Dr. W. B. Scott, and Mr. O. J. Baker.

This committee was very active last year selecting these books. They have been placed on shelves downstairs of the periodical reading room for your convenience. The selection of these books ranges from novels of all kinds to reference books on all subjects.

The ground rules for securing these books are as follows:

1. Paperbound books will be housed in the Current Periodicals Reading Room in the basement of the W. R. Banks Library.

2. These materials will not be catalogued and will not be considered to be a part of the regular library collection. However, a list of titles included in the collection will be made indicating the titles held in each of the three broad subject areas, science, humanities and the social sciences.

3. No book cards and pockets will be typed for these books but a date due slip will be pasted in the back of each. A special call slip will be devised for charging these titles which will include a place for authors last name, title of book, and sex and classification of the reader.

4. Books will be charged for a period of two weeks with privilege of indefinite renewals unless the title is requested by another person. After such title has been requested it will be subject to recall at any time after the first two week charge period is over.

5. Students will be encouraged to return books on time, however no overdue notices will be mailed unless a title is specifically requested by another person. Requested titles will then be called in and held for the person requesting. No fine will be charged for books returned late.

6. At the end of the semester all overdue books must be re-

turned. Students not returning books at that time will be assessed the cost of the book.

7. Any funds collected for lost books will be held in a special fund to be used by the Paperbound Books Project Committee to replace and replenish the stock of paperbound books.

8. Suggested new titles for additions to this collection will be solicited from the students with final selections to be determined by the Committee.

PV Local Alumni Presents Christmas Carnival

The Prairie View Local Alumni Club sponsored its second annual Carnival on Thursday evening, December 8, 1966 in the Health and Physical Education Field House. This affair served as an interesting diversion for students, staff and community children. Activities during the evening consisted of bingo, dart-throw, penny pitching, spinning the wheel, out guessing the dancing ball and others. The most popular attraction at the carnival was the Rop-E-O apparatus, a rocking horse mounted on a platform with a moving target (a small horse) to be lassoed during an approximate three minute ride, made and invented by Monroe Lawson and James Tisdell. The creative duo have applied for a patent for their invention.

The president and officers of the Local Club are grateful to the administration, staff and friends who supported the affair. Bingo prizes were provided by Winfree's Super Market, Fowler's Super Market, Ward's Pharmacy, Schwartz's Department Store, Frenkils' Drygood Store, Mueller's Furniture Store, Newcomb's Furniture Store, and Terry's Cafe of Hempstead; S & N Super Market, Cater's Hardware Store, Brown's Drugs, Naegeli's Feed Store and Haney's Feed Store of Waller. The College Exchange, Panther Inn, Freeze King, and Muckelroy's Service Station of Prairie View also provided gifts for the Bingo table and the fishing well.

The delicious cakes provided for the occasion were prepared by Mrs. Mattie Echols, Mrs. James Tapscott, Mrs. Helen Boyer, Mrs. D. W. Martin and Duria Henderson.

Dr. Phillip Young, president of the Local Prairie View Alumni Club, announced that the next alumni affair being planned is the annual Faculty Talent Show and is expected to take place in January. He said his organization is considering sponsoring a faculty play in April of 1967. If the play materializes, he said it will probably be a murder mystery.

Registration for voting will be available in the U. S. Post Office, Prairie View, Texas.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor will be in the Registrar's Office 9-12 on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.

The ROTC Vitalization Act of 1964 was the first major ROTC legislation passed by Congress since 1916.



PICTURED from L-R are Robert Mack, Dr. C. O'Banion, Dr. I. C. Gunsalus, guest lecturer from the Welch Foundation, Dr. R. Lewis, and Edward Livingston.

FHA Loans to Negro Families Up 146 Percent

More than 104,000 Negro farm and other rural people in the 16 Southern States benefited from 20,800 loans totaling \$50,874,000 advanced in fiscal 1966 by USDA's Farmers Home Administration, Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman announced today.

The number of loans advanced during the year to Negro families was a 30 percent increase over the previous year, and a 146 percent increase over the number assisted in 1960.

Negro farmers used the funds to operate, buy and develop family farms and to maintain their operations during periods of drought, floods, and other natural disasters. Other Negro rural residents used Farmers Home Administration loans to build new homes, improve existing dwellings, and develop trades and services to increase their incomes.

"As a result of these loans," Secretary Freeman said, "Negro rural families have an attractive alternative to migration into the cities, and many Negro farmers have a better chance to succeed in farming. These loans have enabled many to boost the size of their operations and make better use of their labor, land resources and equipment."

A total of 3,979 rural Negro families borrowed \$19,415,000 — nearly 3 times the amount advanced in 1965 — to build new homes or repair and remodel existing structures.

Approximately 7,980 Negro farmers borrowed \$14,180,000 to buy feed, fertilizer, seed, livestock, and equipment needed to carry on their farming operations and make needed improvements in their farming methods.

More than 3,830 farmers borrowed \$5,312,000 needed to continue farming after drought conditions, floods, or other natural disasters had severely damaged their crops.

Some 4,200 low-income Negro farmers and rural residents borrowed \$5,615,000 to develop farm enterprises and needed trades and services that would raise their incomes and improve their level of living. These loans were made under authority delegated to USDA by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Approximately 775 additional Negro farmers borrowed \$6,246,000 to buy, enlarge, and improve family farms.

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E. Biggers Presented In Senior Recital

The Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College Department of Music, presented Mr. Ernest L. Biggers in his Senior Recital, December 8, 1966, in the Field House.

Mr. Biggers, who is an Alto-Saxophone major from Edna, Texas, was accompanied by Mr. Connally S. Garrett, piano instructor. Numbers rendered on the program were: George Guibaud's First Concertino, a Sonata by Bernard Huden, which was delivered in three movements — Allegro, Vivau, and Adagio, Comarata's Rhapsody For Saxophone, Schou Rosmario by Fritz Friester, and Hora Stacato by Dinici — Heifety exemplified true aesthetic, beauty.

Mr. Biggers is a Music student of Mr. David Cobbs. His recital was given in partial fulfillment of the Bachelor of Arts Degree.

EDITORIALS

Reminiscing 1966

PRAIRIE VIEW: 1966 was a great year. It was a year that brought unlimited joys, and sorrows. Prairie View has had its' share of such moments. This year will be added to our storehouse of memories, as a treasure in its' own unique fashion. And now let us reminisce.

FIELD HOUSE OPENED — Our new "Baby Dome" was opened to the student body for their use and enjoyment.

RAMSEY LEWIS — The great jazz artist appeared here during the spring semester bringing out hundreds of his fans at the "Baby Dome."

LENA HORNE — Another great celebrity. Miss Horne appeared at our "Baby Dome" and directed an informal discussion of her book, "Lena."

NEW STUDENT LEADERS ELECTED — Our new student leaders for the 1966-67 school year were elected. Among them was Cheryl McIntyre, Miss Prairie View.

DR. EVANS RETIRES — Dr. E. B. Evans, long-time president of Prairie A & M, retired in August of 1966.

DR. DREW TAKES OFFICE — Dr. J. M. Drew was named president after Dr. Evans' retirement. A sudden illness caused him to give up his position.

STUDENT UNREST — Due to the dissatisfaction of the PV students, a series of Boycotts were initiated. A group was organized — Do you remember the VAMPS?

DR. A. I. THOMAS NAMED PRESIDENT — Dr. Thomas was named new president of PV in November. This was the main highlight of 1966 and is presently our chief interest.

As we go into a new year, we will carry with us the highest of expectations, hopes, and dreams. We will also carry with us the stamina that has made our school the great school it has been for the past 90 years. We won't sit back and wait for things to come to us, but will move forward progressively toward a greater image. Our motto: Ask not what your school can do for you, but what you can do for your school.

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On Campus

Since we've been observing the activities of a variety of college campuses through our feature article "ON OTHER CAMPUSES", we think it's time to make an observation of our own campus. In this feature we shall try to summarize the latest news here at PV.

NEW PRESIDENT ... The young and energetic person we've been asking for, has finally materialized. In the two short weeks Dr. Thomas has been in office, many things have already been improved for the betterment of student life. Support Dr. Thomas, because he is certainly supporting you.

YULETIDE ATMOSPHERE ... We're sure you have not-decorations on campus. Aren't they pretty? Even the Military Science Department has been caught up in the fervor of the Christmas spirit. You can easily tell from the sounds of Christmas Carols coming from Spence Hall.

HOUSTON SYMPHONY ... The Houston Symphony will present a concert here Thursday, December 15, at 8:00 p.m. We've been asking for cultural activities, so take advantage of this one, and the many more to come. This is a presentation of the Fine Arts Cultural Series. No charge. Only your activity books. Let's have a full house.

BASKETBALL TEAM ... Our team is making a great showing. Defeating their recent opponents — Texas College, Huston-Tillotson College, and St. Edward's College. Give the team your full support, after all, we are "Partners In Progress."

PAPERBACK PROJECT ... The Paperback Project sponsored by the Ford Foundation, and administered by the W. R. Banks Library, will soon go into effect. Remember, the purpose of the project is to benefit you, the students, so go on over and browse through the variety of books being offered. They can be found in the Periodicals Room in the basement of the Library. Once you start browsing, we know you won't be able to leave without an armful.

NEW FRATERNITY ... Have you noticed the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity pledgees? Now surely this is an added attraction. We hope this sight becomes even more prevalent on our campus. Wouldn't you just love to see a few Delta Pyramids', and AKA Ivy Leafs'? We know the Alpha Sphinxmen and Omega Lamps would be delighted with their company.

HOLIDAY ... Yes, and a welcomed one for most of us. The Christmas holidays officially begin December 17, 1966, at 12:00 high. The PANTHER staff wishes to extend their warmest Seasons' Greetings to all of you. Have as much fun as you can possibly stuff into these two weeks, but don't forget the true meaning of Christmas while you're doing it.

The Origin of Christmas

In the United States and Canada, homemade paper ornaments, candy canes, and strings of cranberries and popcorn were popular before the advent of shiny colored balls and strings of colored electric lights.

Lights at Christmas represent Christ as the Light of the World. According to one story, Martin Luther put lights on his trees to represent the glory and beauty of the stars above Bethlehem on the night of Christ's birth.

In the United States and Canada many churches hold candlelight services on Christmas Eve. People in Ireland, World Book says, leave a candle burning in the window. In The Netherlands, on the eve of Epiphany, young men carry the Christmas star — actually a lantern containing lighted candles — as they stroll through the streets singing hymns and carols.

No matter what the origin, the tree ablaze with lights is something we remember from our earliest childhood ... and something the very youngest children will begin to learn this Christmas.

How to Find A Summer Job

Thousands of summer jobs open to college students are listed in the new 1967 "Summer Employment Directory" just off the press.

Employers looking for help include resorts, camps, national parks, business firms, summer theatres, restaurants and ranches throughout the United States and Canada.

Salaries are up \$50 to \$200; 3.3% more jobs are available in 1967. Job openings range from camp counselor to research chemist in a brewery.

"Summer Employment Directory" may be ordered by mail by sending \$3 to National Directory Service, Box 32065, Dept. C, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232. Mark "rush" for first-class mailing in December.

Episcopal Men Visits Cathedral

The Men of St. Francis Episcopal Church toured the facilities of Christ Church Cathedral and headquarters of The Episcopal Diocese of Texas in Houston Tuesday evening, December 13.

Father James Moore, vicar at St. Francis, accompanied the group of twenty-five men. Following the tour, the group heard a brief message from the Bishop and had dinner.

The lights of the Christmas tree, most beautiful when reflected in the eyes of a child, will bring peace and joy to millions of homes again this season, as they have for centuries.

But how did it begin? Why do we connect trees and lights with the birth of the Babe whom Christians consider the Messiah?

There are several stories about the origin of the Christmas tree. People in Scandinavia once worshipped trees, and, explains World Book Encyclopedia, they made evergreen trees part of Christian festivals when they became Christians.

One legend tells how the first Christmas tree was shown in a miracle to the English missionary Winifrid (later called Boniface). More than 1,200 years ago, while traveling in what is now northern Germany, Winifrid found a group of heathens at an oak tree, about to sacrifice a child to the god Thor.

Winifrid stopped the sacrifice and cut down the "blood oak." As the oak fell, according to the legend, a young fir tree appeared. Winifrid said the fir was the tree of life, representing Christ.

The Germans probably were the first to decorate Christmas trees. They used stars, angels, toys, gilded nuts, and candies wrapped in bright paper, and later added tinsel and lighted candles. Scandinavians at one time trimmed their trees with little flags. Now they also use cookies, apples, and gilded nuts.

Christmas Poetry

"My best of wishes for your merry Christmases and your happy New Years, your long lives and your true prosperities. Worth twenty pound good if they are delivered as I send them. Remember? Here's a final prescription added, 'To be taken for life'."

Charles Dickens

Doctor Marigold's Prescriptions (1865)

"This is the month, and this the happy morn,

Wherein the Son of Heav'n's eternal King,

Of wedded maid and virgin mother born,

Of great redemption from above did bring;

For so the holy sages once did sing,

That He our deadly forfeit should release,

And with His Father work us a perpetual peace."

John Milton

On the Morning of Christ's Nativity (1629)

Death Notice

The PANTHER staff wishes to acknowledge the death of one of Prairie View's Steam Plant employees, Mr. Curtis Joe Ed Anderson, who passed away very recently. He was a native of Hempstead, Texas, and is survived by his mother, brothers, wife, children, and grandchildren.

With all due respect, the members of the Prairie View family extend their deepest sympathy.

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1967

College Science Club Elects New Queen

Friday, November 4, 1966, was a grand occasion for Miss Gloria Mosby. On this day, she was selected "Miss College Science of 1966-67" on a competitive basis. A written exam was administered to over 50 contestants maintaining a "B" average or above in College Science. Miss Mosby is a Freshman English major from Austin, Texas. She is quite active in extra-curricular activities which include: The English Club, Dramatics Club, Newman Club, and the Austin-P. V. Club.

Mr. Willie Horn, a freshman Elementary Education major from Houston, Texas, was selected as Miss Mosby's escort also on a competitive basis.

During Miss Mosby's reign, she will have the responsibility of representing the College Science Club in all science expositions, field trips, balls, district and regional science fairs, and the Greater Houston Science fair. The purpose of the College Science Club is:

- (1) To encourage scientific initiative among young people and stimulate scientific inquiry.
- (2) To increase and advance the desire for higher moral and social ideas, and;
- (3) To aid students in developing self-evaluation of themselves and their environment.

Debaters Attend Internat'l Ball

Prairie View debaters visited the Texas A. & M. campus last Friday, December 2, to participate in a session of critical listening and evaluation of debates on foreign policy. They evaluated three rounds of junior and senior debates in the A. & M. "Computer Match Tournament."

Friday evening, our debaters attended a British-style debate, with cross-questioning and audience participation, between two students from Oxford University, England, and two local A & M students. Sponsored by the Speech Association of America, the debate concerned, "Resolved that this House abhors the United States policy in Viet Nam."

Maxine Burley, James Melton, Wayne Davis, Willie Dowden, and Robert Maxwell represented Prairie View.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY JOYOUS NEW YEAR!

Danforth Associates Entertain

The Danforth Associates at Prairie View A & M College, Dr. and Mrs. Phillip L. Young, entertained a cross-sectional group with a buffet style supper in their home on the evening of November 30, 1966.

Those present were: Lloyd and Mary Stark, Bob and Light German, Steve and Ollie Moten, John and Edwina Murphy, Ali and Mrs. Alemi, Clifford and Ethel Ward, and Charles Williams.

A period of fellowship preceded the delicious meal and continued for an hour or more afterwards. The event was rewarding to all who attended.

Dr. and Mrs. John Murphy preceded the Youngs as Danforth Associates at Prairie View.

The Danforth Associate Program is one of several supported by the Danforth Foundation. It is designed primarily to aid the appointed Associates in encouraging scholarships, improving relations between faculty members and to improve faculty-student relations. It is suggested by the Foundation that this can be accomplished in small groups in informal settings.

The current Danforth Associates, Phillip and Mrs. Jewel Young, feel that too few opportunities exist for faculty members to engage in "old-fashioned" conversations. With this in mind, their program for 1966-67 is designed to bring together, periodically, faculty groups and faculty-student groups where the emphasis will be on getting acquainted and developing an understanding of the other's point of view.

News From The USDA

How to build a basement that will stay dry and how to correct wet or damp conditions in an existing one are described in a new U. S. Department of Agriculture publication.

"Making Basements Dry," Home and Garden Bulletin No. 115, was prepared by Richard H. Rule, architect in USDA's Agricultural Research Service. The publication gives detailed information on the most common causes of leaky, wet basements and lists ways to prevent or overcome this problem.

Ways discussed include the correct use of gutters and downspouts for draining roof water, slopes and drainage ditches for surface water, drain tile for subsurface water, and waterproofing for basement walls and floors.

Dehumidifiers and air conditioners are discussed as means for reducing dampness in basements.

"Making Basements Dry" (HG 115) can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402 for 10 cents a copy. Please use your zip code.

Air Force Junior ROTC is not a drill-centered program, but Air Force drill and ceremonies, customs, courtesies, traditions, and other military considerations comprise one area of instruction in high schools across the nation.

"Operation Death Watch"

Forty-seven persons in Texas will be the focus of one of the most intensive traffic safety efforts ever to be expended during the Christmas holiday weekend, according to Department of Public Safety Director Col. Homer Garrison, Jr.

"The DPS will be concentrating its efforts more than ever in an attempt to make sure that the indicated death toll of 47 persons is not reached," said Garrison. "This year has been the most terrible in Texas history in terms of lives lost and property damage, and we are working with other state agencies and organizations interested in safety in order to hold down this toll as much as possible."

"We are issuing a personal invitation to each motorist, asking every individual to join the battle, and it must be considered a battle, for traffic has claimed more lives than have been lost in all the wars in which we have been engaged."

"Operation Deathwatch" will be conducted from 6 p.m., Friday, December 23 through 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 26, to focus attention on dangers involved in holiday travel. The present traffic trend indicates that 47 persons will die in traffic during this period.

The "Deathwatch" will resume for the New Year's weekend, beginning at 6 p.m., Friday, December 30, and continuing through 11:59 p.m. Monday, January 2. Indications for the New Year's period are that 36 persons will die in traffic accidents.

To supplement its enforcement activities, the DPS will place approximately 150 additional men from its other uniformed services on highway patrol duty. Every effort will be made to remove dangerous or irresponsible drivers from the highways for the safety of law-abiding motorists.

Traffic deaths will be tabulated at DPS headquarters in Austin, and reports will be issued to news media sources three times daily to show just how the "Countdown" stands. "Countdown boards" will be distributed to news media so that the public may stay informed on the traffic situation.

Joining the DPS in its traffic safety efforts are several other organizations and state agencies:

The Texas Safety Association is distributing a kit of "Holiday Safety Materials" and is stressing the need for courtesy and caution during the holiday period.

The Texas Highway Department is distributing reminders on danger spots, construction areas, and information on signs and markers to help keep drivers informed and alert.

The Texas Association of Broadcasters and the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission are cooperating in the distribution and use of radio announcements concerning safe driving practices.

And the Texas Motor Transportation Association and the Council of Safety Supervisors are working with members of the trucking industry to promote safe driving practices and alertness during the holiday period.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PAPERBACK BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY BROWSING COLLECTION

The College Library has received a collection of more than were purchased with a grant received from the Fund for the Advancement of Education through The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. According to Librarian, William B. Scott, the books will be maintained as a separate collection and will be housed temporarily in the Current Periodicals Reading Room located in the basement of The W. R. Banks Library.

The books are classified as enrichment materials and will be used strictly as a browsing collection.

Social Security News

According to Edgar M. Bowers, Jr., District manager of social security in Houston, disability payments under the social security law are no longer limited to persons with permanent disabilities.

Bowers said he feared many people were not yet aware of a change in the social security law under which you may be eligible for benefits if you have a disability that is expected to last 12 months. Previously you could get benefits only if you had a disability that was expected to continue for a long and indefinite time, or result in death.

Bowers pointed out that formerly many disability claims were disallowed because the impairment although severe, was not expected to be of long and continued duration. Any mental or physical impairment that is totally disabling and is expected to continue for as long as 12 months meets the requirements of the definition of disability under the new law.

According to Bowers, the work record requirement has not been changed; a worker must still have worked under social security at least 5 years out of the 10-year period just before the date the worker became disabled in order to qualify for disability payments. It is not necessary that the five years be continuous. Twenty calendar quarters of work performed at any time during the 10-year period, even though they are scattered or intermittent, will meet this requirement. Any person who has an impairment that meets these requirements should file a claim with his social security office.

Bowers said the social security office has a free booklet that explains the new law fully. Just ask for Booklet OASI-29. You may write or call the social security office located at 515 Rusk Avenue, Houston, CA8-0611.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK SET JAN. 8-11

The Theme for the Annual Religious Emphasis Week observance scheduled on January 8-11 is "Minority Survival Techniques," according to the Reverend L. C. Phillip, College Chaplain.

The Principal speaker for the occasion is the Reverend Shelby Rooks, Jr., associate director, Fund for Theological Education, Princeton, New Jersey.

BRIGHTEN-UP SET FOR CHRISTMAS

The Annual Christmas Brighten-Up is underway on campus with all residents and college departments participating.

Christmas displays are exhibited at homes, dormitories, and public buildings in keeping with the holiday season. The activity is sponsored by The Prairie View Garden Club.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BEGIN DECEMBER 17

Christmas holidays will begin officially at noon on Saturday, December 17. Classes will resume on January 3, 1967.

MATHEMATICS DEPT. RECEIVES NSF GRANT

A National Science Foundation grant has been received by The Mathematics Department to finance a 1967 Summer Institute for the improvement of in-service teachers in this field, Dr. A. D. Stewart, chairman of the department announced.

The Award is another in a long series received by the Mathematics and Science departments for the improvement of programs in these areas.

CORONATION OF MISS PV SET

The Annual Coronation of Miss Prairie View has been scheduled for January 7. The event is sponsored by The Women's Council.

Miss Prairie View 1966-67 is Miss Cheryl McIntyre, a senior dietetics major from Bonham, Texas.

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Club News

KOB

Season's greetings and a handful of good wishes to all of you during the Yuletide.

The Kappas are elated over the good fortune of three of our club sisters who have recently been selected for the honor of "Who's Who In American Universities and Colleges. They are: Kappas Patricia Avington, Romey Johnson, and Cheryl McIntyre.

At this writing, our little sisters are in the process of preparing their annual talent show for the big sisters, which thoroughly enjoyed by all, upon the publication of this paper.

With the basketball season in full swing, without a doubt the Panthers are truly ready with the fine exhibitions they've been giving.

Off we go again to our respective homes for the Christmas holidays. Knowing all of you great expectations for the holidays we are hoping that your each and every wish be fulfilled.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!
THE KAPPAS

Marlin PV

The Marlin-Prairie View Club is certainly on the move. The club has selected its club colors which are navy blue and light blue. The club colors will be exemplified in their "sweatshirt" that you will see styling around on campus by each member of the club after the holidays.

The club membership has increased and an invitation is still being extended to those living in the Falls County area.

The objective of the club is not to create only a social atmosphere among the Marlin-PV student, but to create an intellectual and collegiate group of students as well.

The president, John P. Smith and the members of the club salute our new president, Dr. A. I. Thomas and the entire family of Pantherland and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

President: John P. Smith

Reporter: Alma Phillips

Dallas PV

Well, the time has come when we depart for our homes to be reunited in joyous praise of Christ the son's birth. The gay chanting of Christmas carols, the wondrous story of Christ's birth being told in homes and Churches. The bright faces of little tots anxiously awaiting the coming of Santa. The warm expression of love displayed through the exchanging of gifts, and the exuberant feeling of Christmas as typified through the various X-Mas and New Year parties, get together, and family reunions bring happiness to all and full submission in heart and mind to the holiday spirit.

We, in keeping with this spirit, would like to extend to each of you an invitation to our X-Mas Party at Lou Anns in Dallas on the 19th of this month. So if you are in our vicinity please come by and share in the fun and festivities with us.

In closing let me remind you to be especially cautious in your driving during the holidays. The death rate last year during the X-Mas and New Year was much too high and this year it has been anticipated to be even higher. So drive carefully, be patient and courteous, and observe traffic laws. For we want you to enjoy a "Merry X-Mas and a Happy New Year!"

Texarkana PV

Greetings! Happy Holidays are here again, and it's home for the holidays.

We, the members of the Texarkana PV Club extend Season's Greetings to all of you for the most enjoyable Christmas you've ever had.

We hope to see most of you over the holidays at our Annual Christmas Dance, which is usually held at the Sigma House in Texarkana, and we know all of the students and other friends around the Texarkana area will be with the crowd at the Dance. See you then!

Reporter, Odie Woods

The Commandant of Air Force ROTC directs Air Force ROTC units on 182 campuses located in Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and all but 3 of the 50 states.

All-American City Club

Season greetings fellow students from the members of the All-American City Club, Fort Worth.

We, the members of the Fort Worth-PV Club, would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new president, Dr. A. I. Thomas. We feel that a wise selection has been made in selecting Dr. Thomas. We wanted a young progressive leader with energetic ideas, and this we now have. We are ready to help Dr. Thomas in any way that we can.

We enjoyed giving our annual pre-Christmas dance December 2, 1966. We hope that our guests had a wonderful time.

Fellow students, as we travel to our different destinations to celebrate the holidays, do not forget the true meaning of our Savior's birthday.

Again we take this method of wishing you the best holiday season.

President: Sherman Williams
Reporter: Evonne A. Jackson

Club 26

This brings us around another joyous time of year — the Yuletide season.

We are getting an early start in making our New Year's Resolution's, at least we would like to think so.

Take our wonderful President, Sadie Woodard. She resolves to be an even smoother prexy. Hold on, Sis! Look at our lovely Miss 26, Sandra Hodge. She resolves to reign throughout the year as the sweetest Queen on this side of Pantherland. How about our club sister and Crescendo Sweetheart, Miss Ruth Ann Lee. She resolves to remain as sweet and dignified as in the past, but to be a better chaplain. 26'er Joyce Range and 26'er Mary Hunter resolve to out sing each other.

That "Soul Brother" of ours, Crescendo Ernest Biggers, gave a breath-taking recital December 8. The ladies of the Black and White would like to extend our felicitations to Earnest for a job well-done.

And now a very special note:
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Betty Poole and Maxine Cradlock, Reporters

College Science Club

The College Science Club is made up of representatives from each of the ten sections of College Science. The representatives were selected on the basis of personality and ability. The officers were elected in the first meeting and they are: President-Georgia Preston, Vice-President-Samuel Montgomery, Sect.-Gloria Mosley, Treasurer-Eddie Shuler and Assistant Treasurer-Hazel Franklin. Barbara Tompkins and Paul Newton were elected chairman of the social and Program committees respectively.

The club was organized for both intellectual and social purposes. In the intellectual view, the club plans to bring guest speakers from surrounding Universities to speak on major topics that are of interest to all young College Science students. The first speakers topic will be "Birth Control and the Population Explosion of Today." All of the College Science students are urged to be present and all other students are welcome too.

The club plans all social activities for the students and all persons who have paid semester club dues are eligible to participate.

Miss College Science and her escort are selected on the basis of competitive examinations given to all contestants with a B average or above in College Science. The two who scored highest were named Miss College Science and Escort.

It is each representative's duty to inform the students frequently of all club activities.

The club has planned an elaborate Christmas activity with a Turkey Raffle for the club members. Other activities planned include an Intra-Semester Ball, a Tour of the Long Horn Caverns and a Farewell Affair in May.

The Sponsors are Mr. R. E. Gibson, Mr. J. W. Woods, Dr. E. W. Owens, Mr. W. Walton and Dr. J. Coruthers.

A qualified Air Force ROTC cadet may enter flight training near his campus and receive a private pilot's license in his senior year through the Flight Instruction Program at Air Force expense.

P.V.S.I.E.A.

As "Partners in Progress," we members of the Prairie View School of Industrial Education Association, (PVSIEA), Technical Education Section, are on the move. In our last meeting we elected Gloria Loudd, a freshman commercial foods major, from Navasota, Texas, as our queen.

For cultural recreation, bridge playing was suggested. A bridge committee was chosen and as chairman we have Otha Babby and as co-chairman, Naomi McGinty. They are to attend bridge classes in the Shyroom every Thursday night of each week. They will then teach the others of the club how the game is played.

Being aware of the coming holidays, a committee for the Christmas party was chosen. Serving as chairman of the committee is Jimmie R. Moye, president of the P. V. S. I. E. A. Technical Education Club. During the party Thursday, December 16, a beautiful plaque will be given to the student with the highest scholastic average. Also, knowing the holidays are almost here, we would like to wish our fellow partners of Prairie View a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Realizing that we do not have one hundred percent participation of members at our meetings we are gladly announcing that meetings are held once every two weeks. For the exact dates, watch for the P. V. S. I. E. A. News Flashes.

Reporter, Rosie Frazier

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"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. And the Angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. . . . And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

This scene will be recreated time and time again over this Christmas holiday and the Methodist Student Movement Organization wished to remind each of you to not forget the real meaning and purpose of Christmas. Be sure to go to your churches and rejoice in the Lord. We should always be cheerful, and our joy should find expression in deeds of kindness and helpfulness to all with whom we meet.

So let us resolve for the New Year to be cheerful and amiable at all times and under all circumstances and not just at Christmas. By keeping this resolution we shall glorify God, gain much merit ourselves, and be a blessing to others. We would like to extend the blessings of Christmas to each of you from each of us.

Reporter, Paulette Everett

Gamma Theta Upsilon

Reporter - Virgia Harvey

Once again we the members of "Gamma Theta Upsilon" says hello to everyone. We would first like to congratulate our basketball team of its recent victories. Keep up the good works.

We are sincerely hoping that those who attended the dance on last Thursday, enjoyed themselves immensely. The dance although it was our first, but, by no means our last, was indeed a great success. We would like to thank the "Crescendo Gig" and our sponsors for such a gala

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A Cappella Choir In "Versatelic Telstar of Songs"

Some thirty-nine or more young singers from Prairie View College - University comprising what the press has classified generally as one of the best touring collegiate organizations, will concertize for the eighth season in a program entitled "Versatelic Telstar of Songs Internationale." Having compiled a brilliant record from Texas to the Great Lakes and from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast, the members are still having the recurrences of fond memories of the Spring of 1966, when they completed their mid-western tour; also they have recorded the "Telstar of Song Album" in the Gold Star Studios of Houston, Texas; a Simpson Production from Globe Corporation, New York, New York. The conductor and choir were the recipient of a citation from the House of Representatives and a copy of the Bill No. 352 was passed in honor and appreciation of their recent trip to the Capitol.

Under the direction of Dr. H. Edison Anderson, the Prairie View A Cappella Concert Choir anticipates another memorable singing experience. This veteran of the stage has directed organizations and performed in concert halls more than twelve times coast to coast in tours and he usually performs upon request. Besides being able to arrange and direct, the conductor is a tenor of reputable rank having graduated from Prairie View and studied with Dr. O. Anderson Fuller, early in his career. He sang with Robert Shaw's Collegiate Chorale of New York and also the Columbia University Choir. His subject concentration in graduate school was Music, emphasis voice and conducting with Dr. H. I. Stark, at the University of Iowa, where he completed his dissertation and was the recipient of the Ph. D. degree in Music February, 1957.

The repertoire of the Prairie View A Cappella Concert Choir includes a section of serious sacred music, art songs, and classical works and folk songs of humor, love, and operatic excerpts. Among this will be a

affair. It was a very nice occasion.

There won't be anymore articles this year so, from us to you, "Merry Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year." See you next year.

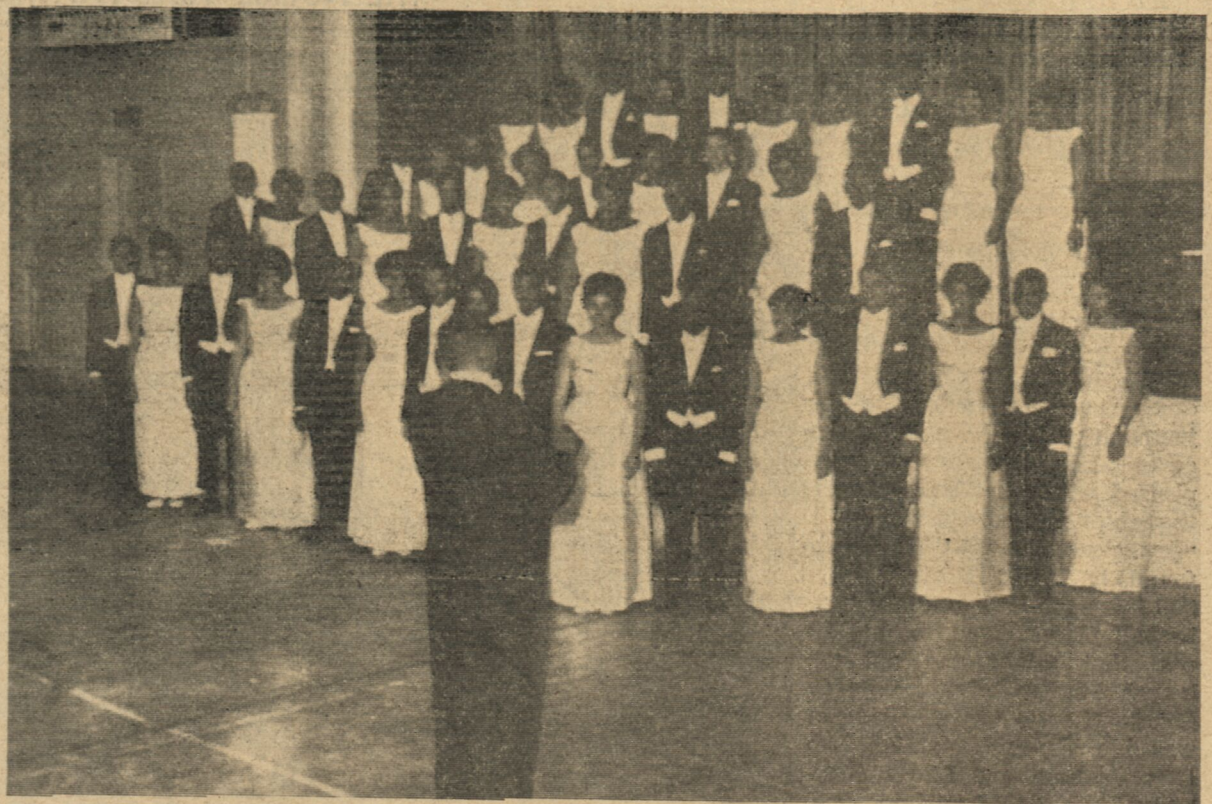
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The ladies of the Cultured Pearl wish to extend warm and sincere greetings for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are sure your holidays will be most welcome for an enjoyable and restful resource.

Upon returning to the campus, we hope your spirit will still be at a high peak for a final successful first semester.

Reporter, Odie Woods

Arnold Air Society — composed of outstanding Air Force ROTC cadets — has 169 chapters with approximately 6,000 members in the nation's leading colleges and universities.



PICTURED are members of the A Capella Choir who will start their National Tour February 9-14.

new cantata Jean Berger's "Vision of Peace" and "Psalm 114", Kodaly for the individual or mixed audiences. Other favorites are "The University Quartette," "Male and Female Choir," and in modern syncopated patterns and intense dynamics you will like is the favorite "Sextette from Lucia", by Verdi, Nystedt's "XXth Century", "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun" by Debussy, Kay's "Flowers in the Valley" and soloists with ratings in the first and second percentile earned in the National Association Teachers of Singing.

Typical of the audience reaction to the Prairie View A Cappella Concert Choir is the report of the 1966 National Tour: reflections on seven past national tours show a total of 297 concerts and more than 55,000 miles to date, with an average of 36 concerts per year. Following a zig-zag orbit from the heart of East and North Texas through the Arbuckle Mountains of Oklahoma and across eight states from Texas to Great Lakes, returning by way of Indianapolis down through the great Sheridan Ranges of Arkansas in a program entitled, "Dramaturgic Telstar of Songs Internationale". It was heart warming to know that our concerts were well received before all our respective and enthusiastic audiences. "More than 5,000 miles covered in 10 days east to the tune of 18 performances," might be considered a summary statement.

Boy Scouts Hold Annual Appreciation Dinner

The E. B. Evans Boy Scout Division, David Crockett District, held its annual appreciation Dinner and meeting on December 7.

Dr. E. B. Evans, president emeritus at Prairie View A & M College, served as principal speaker for the occasion. Other speakers included Lawrence Hood, Boy Scouts field director, Sam Houston Area Council; Stuart Painter, district scout executive; Dr. J. L. Brown, director of extramural services at the college and Principal H. T. Jones, Prairie View Training School.

Dr. C. A. Wood, division chairman, presided at the meeting and division commissioner Eddie Harrison of Brenham presented Round-Up awards.

Deb Queen

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who had been invited down to crown the queen. She sent warm wishes and congratulations to the queen and expressed her regret for not being able to attend.

Everett L. Thomas, Jr. was escort to the queen, and Glenda Watts was escorted by Donald Bennett.

The Reverend V. C. McGee, pastor of Bethel Methodist Church, Hempstead was also on the program.

An opening ceremony was presented by Cub Scout Pack 141 of Prairie View under the direction of Cubmaster, Clyde Christopher. The Closing ceremony was performed by Bob Duckins, a Prairie View Voice Student and a boy scout representing troop 530 of Brenham.

Cantata

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its' excellence. The Choir has worked with untiring effort for weeks on this performance which we feel rewarded them graciously.

The director of the College Choir is Dr. Rudolph van Charlton of the Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College Music Department.

The Old Timer



"Sticking your nose into other peoples' business is the surest way of coming face to face with trouble."



GABLESIDE ENTERPRISES

"You Will Like Our Friendly Service"

- Jacob Boyer
- E. M. Norris
- H. R. Turner
- Edgar Henry
- Ted Lawson

Sports

by Leon Nickerson

P. V. went to Commerce, Texas to play East Texas State College; this was the Panthers first game. PV's basketball coach was very anxious to see just what did he have. After the game Coach Moore was very pleased with what he saw even though his Panther's lost by a very close score 61-67. Coach found in David Mitchell 6'5", 200 lbs. soph he has a real basketball player. David scored 19 pts. that might and got rebounds. Other bright spots in Coach Moore's basketball team was his Veteran captains Lee Otis Durham and Lewis Alexander both played an important role in keeping the younger players cool and collected on the hardwood. Also Marcus (Mr. Boards) Boney 6'5" 215 pound was the leading rebounder (15) for the Panther and contributed 12 pts. There is reliable Oscar Williams 6 ft., one of the tallest 6 footers you will ever see anywhere in the country. He jumps like he is 6'8". This is truly a 101% basketball performer, he never lets up. This young man will do great things for P. V. for the next three years. Little "O" can dunk a basketball with ease better than the average 6'3" player can. He has tremendous spring and timing, his average is 15.5 pts. per game. The freshman, Clarence Bollen, Carl Settles and LeRoy Gamble will be a big asset to Coach Moore's basketball team this year.

After the East Texas game PV played Texas College and beat them 135 to 107.

Next PV beat Houston Tillison 125 to 93. The following night PV beat St. Edwards 80 to 64. After that PV beat St. Mary 74 to 68. Monday night PV beat East Texas State 78 to 63. (Mr. Board) Bonney leads the team in rebounds (11). David Mitchell leads the team in scoring with 181 pts. average of 24.3 per game. And just think our Panthers are still improving.

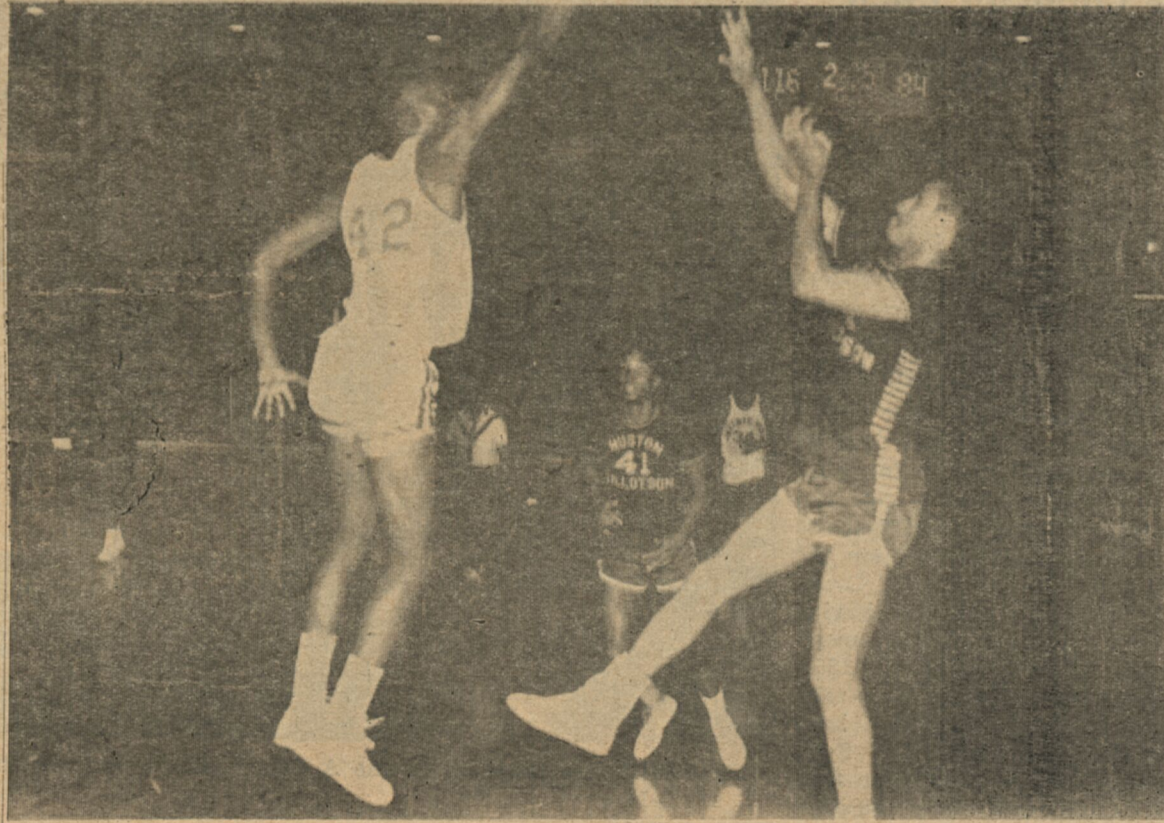
PV's Basketball Players Total Pts. in Six Games

	GP	TP	GPA
G. Williams	5	18	3.2
D. Mitchell	6	141	24.3
M. Bonney	6	85	14.1
L. Durham	4	15	3.2
O. Williams	6	94	15.5
C. Bolden	4	48	12.0
J. Gilder	3	8	2.3
T. Ricks	3	21	7.0
L. Gamble	6	41	7.0
B. Manning	1	1	1.0
C. Settles	5	36	7.1
L. Alexander	6	35	6.3

Newman Club

A highlight of the club's activities the past month was the visit of a guest lecturer, Mr. Ali Bakri, Director of African studies at Texas Southern University. He addressed the group and interested members from the Prairie View community in the Memorial Center on Sunday, November 14th, at 3 p.m. Mr. Bakri showed excellent slides which were reminiscent of his frequent travels and his experiences in observing current African history in the making.

Many other notable speakers will be featured during this school year. A question and answer session follows each lecture. Everyone is invited to attend all future discussions.



HERE'S a little of the great work our Basketball Team is doing. Support your team!

Grid Team Finishes in Tie For Third Place in SWAC

The Prairie View A&M Panthers Completed the 1966 football season with a third place tie with Jackson State. Both Teams finished with identical conference records of 3-3-1.

Grambling and Southern won the league title jointly with 5-1-1 records. Texas Southern bid for first place was spoiled by The Panthers, leaving them with a 4-2-1 conference record and second place.

The Panthers overall record was 6-3-1. The biggest surprises of 1966 included the Homecoming loss to Alcorn A&M and the humiliating defeat handed the TSU Tigers in the closing game. Many Panther fans feel that the TSU victory and the overall won-lost record leave the team

in good shape for the season.

Final conference standings are as follows:

College	won	lost	tied
Southern	5	1	1
Grambling	5	1	1
Texas Southern	4	2	1
Jackson	3	3	1
Prairie View	3	3	1
Alcorn	2	3	2
Arkansas	2	4	1
Wiley	0	7	0

Prairie View's 1966 record is as follows:

PV—7	Jackson State—14
PV—0	Southern—35
PV—10	Grambling—10
PV—21	Wiley—0
PV—30	Arkansas—0
PV—17	Miss. Valley—8
PV—30	Bishop—18
PV—10	Alcorn—19
PV—31	Tex. Southern—18

Air Force ROTC cadets in the four-year program may compete for scholarships that pay tuition, books, and laboratory expenses along with \$50 per month in subsistence.

Prayer Meeting Choir Makes Trip

The Prayer Meeting Choir, comprised of 12 male and 20 female students, journeyed to Dayton and Liberty, Texas and rendered two programs. The first program was presented at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church during the eleven o'clock service.

At three o'clock, the choir appeared at the Trinity Valley Baptist Church and presented a "soul inspiring" song service. Music for the choir was most competently provided by the pianist, Traevoyie Morris and A. J. Ruben who served in both capacities as pianist, and organist Grace Adams directed the choir.

The program consisted of ten or more songs including such numbers as "Climbing Up The Mountain", "That's What My God Can Do", "He Touched Me" and "I'm Going to Work Until My Day Is Done."

Lunch was provided after the service for the group in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Mr. Elrick Johnson, who is sponsor of the choir, accompanied the group along with his wife. Lewis Jackson, a Senior Sociology major is president of the choir.

May we, the members of the Prayer Meeting Choir take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas, and invite you to attend Prayer Meeting each Tuesday night, a "soul inspiring" service.

Reporter, Charlesta E. Miller

Students To Attend Nat'l YMCA-YWCA Conference

Miss Dorothy Douglas, President of the YWCA, and Mr. James Crawford, President of the Blue Ribbon Committee, and Regional YMCA Chairman, will leave on December 26, 1966 to attend the National YMCA-YWCA Assembly in Chicago, Illinois. There will be students

from all states and some foreign delegates.

Miss Douglas and Mr. Crawford will represent Prairie View A&M College in this week-long conference on Urbanization. The conference on Urbanization will be held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

PV Teacher Sings In Houston

The Chancel Choir at the Pilgrim Congregation united Church of Christ gave its "Annual Soiree" in the gracious, spacious home of Dr. James O. Perry, professor of Secondary Education at Texas Southern University, November 27th.

The Three hundred or more guests came at different hours but always there was a full house. Among the entertainers was Miss Sally Allen, who sang with Mrs. G. Duke as accompanist: "Obeissons quand leur voix" from "Manon" by Massenet and "My Hero" from "The Chocolate Soldier" by Oscar Strauss. The audience joined in at "Come, Come I Love You Only." Rev. John P. Moore Comments: "Not only did Miss Allen entertain us but her invitation to join with her in singing was so compelling that we participated lustily."

The hostess who is also Dr. Perry, professor of Elementary Education at Texas Southern was pleased to learn Miss Allen attended her Alma Mater, Indiana University.

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